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# How You Can Reach Me

## I'm Joe McDermott, your State Representative.

I'm writing to tell you about priorities I'm working on, and to let you know how you can contact me quickly with any thought, question or concern that's on your mind. Let me also take this opportunity to thank you for the honor of serving our community in the Legislature.

## New roles to focus on education, reform

As a life-long local resident, I know our community is deeply committed to protecting children and improving public schools. I'm pleased to announce that my request to serve on the Education Committee has been granted. I'll also serve you on the State Government and Judiciary Committees, where I'll focus on government reforms.

## Keeping in touch.

By working together, we can make sure our community's needs are heard by the Legislature. You can help me represent our area effectively by letting me know your ideas and priorities. If you're having a problem with a state agency, I want to know that too. I'll do my best to help.

My assistant, Matt Judge, is also here to work with you. We're committed to being responsive, swift and professional when serving you!

## How you can reach me quickly:

- E-mail:** mcdermot\_jo@leg.wa.gov
- Toll-free legislative hotline:** 1-800-562-6000
- Hearing-impaired hotline:** 1-800-635-9993
- Direct office phone:** 1-360-786-7952
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# My Priorities for 2001

## Improving our public schools

By a 70% vote, the people in November demanded better state funding for public schools and teachers. Ensuring that this overwhelming public mandate is respected is my top priority. I'll also work on the Education Committee for education reform and improved school safety. Parents need to know their children are safe at school, and kids need to feel safe to learn.

## Making transportation choices a priority

Local families and businesses are threatened by a budget crisis in transportation. Everyone agrees we must improve our roads and highways. But we must not strip funding from ferries and public transit to pay for asphalt! Keeping ferry and transit service - and restoring weekend and other service - is a vital issue for our communities.

## Preserve Airport Communities and Maury Island

Preserving our local environment and quality of life is a core part of my job. To do that, we must block the rush to build a third SeaTac runway, and the rush to strip-mine Maury Island. I am also very concerned about soil contamination on Maury and Vashon islands. We must work together to ensure healthy neighborhoods throughout our district.

## Smart budgeting

There are not enough state funds to continue current levels of all state services. Some budget cuts must be made. But we cannot in good conscience allow the poor, the sick, the elderly or working families to bear an unfair share of lost services. Preserving services people truly need is a top personal and community priority.

# Let Me Know...

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I want to know what's on your mind - please don't hesitate to contact me! This pre-addressed tear-off card will come directly to me. Just place a stamp on it and drop it in the mail!

Dear Joe:

Sincerely,  
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